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Dear Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

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- ☐ under 37 CFR 1.97(c) together with either a:  
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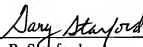
The relevance of the attached references is that this is the closest art of which Applicant is aware. Applicant submits that the above references taken alone or in combination neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application.

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